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4-H Family News

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Holiday & County Closed Dates:

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Friday, November 23, 2018

Please, make sure to plan ahead to accommodate the above closed dates.

The **Mission** of our 4-H Youth Development Program is to provide personal growth opportunities for youth in Berrien County through educational programs and activities which utilize quality volunteers, trained staff, and community partners.

Our **Vision** is to make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

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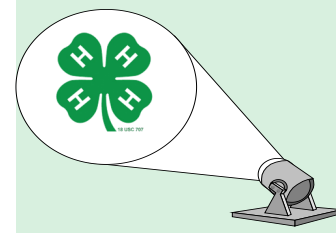
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SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Spring
Achievement
dates have been
set!

Mark your
calendars now
and start planning
out your next
projects.

Friday, May 17
& Saturday, May
18

Early Evaluation
will be offered—
date is TBD

Look for more
information to
follow.

Don't wait. Talk to
your Club
Coordinator &
Project Leaders
about what
projects qualify!

Annual Fall Candy Bar Fundraiser:

The Annual Fall Fundraiser is coming to a close!
Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in
selling Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars.



Reminder to clubs that sold Gertrude Hawk Candy
Bars, that the deadline for ALL money to be turned
in on November 29. Check can be either mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor,
MI 49022; dropped off during office hours or through the after hours mailbox. A Club's
portion of the candy bars profits cannot be distributed until all money owed by the club
is submitted. Checks should be made payable to Berrien County 4-H Leaders
Association, Inc.

For questions ,issues, or concerns, please contact the Berrien County 4-H Leaders
Council Fundraising Chair, Amber Smith at amberjadesmith13@gmail.com.



Expand your Leadership! Learn another side of Berrien County
4-H. The 4-H Leaders Council is currently seeking names of
teens and adult leaders who would be interested in serving on
the Council. Adult leaders serve a term of 3 years, while teen leaders serve a 2-year term.

Leaders Council serves as Board of Directors of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders
Association. It also serves as the counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinator. The Council
usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at the MSUE Office in Benton Harbor.

Interested individuals need to submit a short bio of themselves, no more than 100 words
that includes club and active years. Submissions need to be made to Leaders Council
Election Chair, Chrissy Bradford at:

canterloper@aol.com

**Club Coordinator—Annual Financial
Summary Report Forms**

This is a friendly, reminder that the deadline to
submit Annual Financial Report Forms was
November 1, 2018. If your club still needs to submit these forms please do so ASAP to the
Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor. Forms can be mailed to 1737
Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the after hours drop mailbox
out front or faxed to 269-944-4128.

Forms that need to be submitted include the Annual Financial Report, Civil Rights
Statement, Club Profile and Inventory Record. If you have any questions, contact the
Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

4-H Versatility Scholarship Event Results:

Placing	Exhibitor
1st Place	Erin Berni
2nd Place	Evie Clare
3rd Place	Abigail Luther
4th Place	Rachel Lavelle
5th Place	Montana Brooks
6th Place	Alexandria Smith
7th Place	Anna Meyer
8th Place	Riley Ruelle
9th Place	Ashley Pompey

The 2018 Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event was held on Sunday, August 12 during the Berrien County Youth Fair. The Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event is a scholarship event that recognizes the most outstanding 4-H teen member and horse team in the Berrien County 4-H horse and pony project. The event is open to any Berrien County 4-H member who is 14—19 years of age that has completed the ninth grade.

Each participant was scored in the following classes:

- ◆ Hunter Hack
- ◆ English Equitation
- ◆ Western Horsemanship
- ◆ Gymkhana: Cloverleaf Barrels
- ◆ Trail

The Versatility Event Champion was awarded a scholarship for \$500.00 as well as the Reserve Champion awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to use towards their education. This year's 2018 Versatility Scholarship Event Winners were:

Champion	Reserve Champion
Erin Berni	Evie Clare
Great Expectations 4-H Club	Great Expectations 4-H Club

In addition, each year participants exhibiting in the Versatility event vote on a fellow exhibitor who is the most positive and exhibits appropriate sportsmanlike behavior throughout the event. One individual received the Sportsmanship award. Each recipient received a plaque recognizing their accomplishment. The 2018 Versatility Scholarship Event Sportsmanship Award recipient is:

Evie Clare
Great Expectations 4-H Club

4-H Versatility Event provided by:

The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

For questions, contact Versatility Chair, Chrissy Bradford at
canterloper@aol.com



Upcoming Reminder Deadlines:

Annual Financial
Report Forms
Deadline

November 2018

Re-enrollment
Deadline

January 1, 2019

New Member/Final
Enrollment
Deadline

June 1, 2019

All Leaders must
go through the
Volunteer
Selection Process
prior to being
approved in 4-H
Online.

For questions or
issues, please
contact the Berrien
County MSUE
Office.

Clover AwardsVolunteer Years of Service**5 Years—Silver**

Brian Haynes
Jina McIlvenny
Amanda Pullins
David Reck
Kim Schmidt
Lori Van Arkel

10 Years—Gold

Tracie Baker
Bruce Bodtke
James Lenhardt
Wilma Scharnowske
John Schmidt
Dena Vollman

15 Years—Pearl

Rhonda Barchett
Stephanie Kirk
Roberta Lawson

20 Years—Diamond

Clare Cholewa
Richard Widdis

25 Years—Emerald

Kathleen Barton
Keith Krieger
Elaine McKee
Gwendolyn Monroe

30 Years—Ruby

Christine Woods
Gary Sommers

35 Years—Sapphire

Donna Janke

50 Years—Gold

Karen Kietzer

2018 Berrien County Member & Leader Recognition

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Program proudly presented the 2018 Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Pebblewood Banquet Hall in Bridgman. This year, the program provided award recipients and their families with a buffet style dinner following the awards presentation. We would like to make everyone aware of the top awards given out. The program and awards were sponsored by both the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

All-Achievement Award

The All-Achievement Award recognizes member's leadership and experience within a project area that they have completed for at least four years. Youth are only able to receive one All-Achievement in a project in their 4-H career.

Darlene Mattson
Companion Animal Science

Matthew Carpenter
Rabbits & Cavy Science

Karen Smith
Rabbits & Cavy Science

Darlene Mattson
Personal Development

Karen Smith
Animal Science

**County Project Medals**

The County Project Medals recognizes members within a project area that they have completed for at least three years. Youth are only able to receive one project medal in a project area in their 4-H career.

Aiden Conley—Llamas & Alpaca Science
Margaret Crowder—Birds & Poultry Science
Caitlin Young—Birds & Poultry Science
Margaret Crowder—Swine Science
Caitlin Young—Goat Science
Reese McKee—Swine Science
Ben McKee—Swine Science
Evie Clare—Rabbit & Cavy Science

Ross Clare—Leadership
Paige McKean—Companion Animal Science
Darlene Mattson—Personal Development
Ben McKee—Biological Science
Reese McKee—Biological Science
Evie Clare—Civic Engagement

2018 4-H Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Sunday evening at the 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event we had the privilege of awarding two different 4-H Alumni Scholarships. Each applicant went through the scholarship process that consisted of:

- Completing 5 years in 4-H including their senior year in High School
- Maintaining a college GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Providing 3 letters of recommendation including 1 from a 4-H Leader
- Interview with the Selection Committee

The recipient of the **Joseph Cerny and Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship** is Francine Barchett of Benton Harbor, MI. Francine is attending Cornell University majoring in international Agriculture and Rural Development. The **Berrien County 4-H Alumni Scholarship** recipients are Amanda Forraht of and Kennedy Melton of Baroda. Amanda Forraht was a member of the Great Expectations 4-H Club and is attending Michigan State University majoring in Animal Science. Kennedy Melton is of the Galien Chanters 4-H Club, Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club and Fuzzy Friends 4-H Club and is currently attending Ferris State University, majoring in Nursing. Each recipient was presented with a scholarship for \$800.00 to go towards their education.



2018 4-H State Award Delegates

The Michigan 4-H State Awards program is an opportunity for 4-H members to receive recognition while developing their leadership skills and personal portfolio. The program features a junior and senior division in 18 project areas as well as a group award category. Delegates are invited to participate in the program based on receiving qualifying scores on their application. The 4-H State Awards application includes a cover letter, resume, 4-H short story, and questions that highlight the life skills, project content knowledge, leadership development, and civic engagement experiences 4-H members have gained through their 4-H projects. Up to twelve youth are selected as delegates in the junior, senior and group divisions for each project across the state to represent their county as State 4-H Award Delegate. This past year, Berrien County had three youth selected as State 4-H Award delegates. Congratulations to:

Darlene Mattson

Sr. Division—Companion Animal Science

Karen Smith

Sr. Division—Rabbit & Cavy Science

Grace Bachman

Jr. Division—Goat Science

2018 4-H Club Award

The 4-H Club Award recognizes a club's outstanding achievement at the club level. The 4-H Club award recognizes clubs for their accomplishments through participating in various activities and events. Clubs must be registered with the MSU Extension Office for a minimum of 5 years, and provide a copy of club meetings/agendas. The award is based on applications by the Club Youth Officers. This year's 2018 4-H Club Award was given to:

Galien Chanters 4-H Club

Youth Office Team: Cassidy Koenigshof (President), Brooke Strefling (Vice President), Karen Smith (Treasurer), Sierra Anstey (Secretary), Hannah Hollingsworth (Sgt. At Arms).

Outstanding 4-H Leader Award

The Outstanding 4-H Leader Award recognizes 4-H leaders for their volunteer service and leadership within their 4-H clubs as well as their leadership on county programs, committees, and activities that benefit the more than 500 youth and their families enrolled in Berrien County 4-H.

John Andrasi

Straight Shooters 4-H Club

Patti Dynes

We Can Ride 4-H Club



Berrien County 4-H: Upcoming Programs



Tractor Operator Program

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program (TOP) through the 4-H Youth Development program. Successful completion of the 4-H TOP provides completion certificates to 13—19 year olds.

Who: 13—19 year olds (currently, youth must be 14 by the day of the driving test to be eligible to receive federal certificate)

Cost: TBD

When: The 9—week course is usually taught on Wednesday evenings, mid January through March each year, with an occasional Saturday practice driving.

Topics Include:

- ⇒ Farm/Ranch Hazards Safety
- ⇒ Tractor Component Basics
- ⇒ Pre-operational procedures
- ⇒ Operational basics
- ⇒ Operating on public Roadways
- ⇒ Tractor-powered implements
- ⇒ Self-propelled agricultural equipment
- ⇒ Basic maintenance and repair
- ⇒ ATV/Utility Vehicle Safety
- ⇒ First aid and emergencies

More details to follow in the December/January newsletter! In the meantime questions can be directed to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Countywide Personalization Workshop

Berrien County 4-H will be hosting a countywide project in December! December project will be the re-scheduled Personalization Workshop. Youth will be able to learn the art of design, color wheel and pattern selection all the while creating their very own take home project. Youth will get to design and decorate on canvas material to personalize their very own tote.

- Date:** Saturday, December 1, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to 4-H youth ages 5—19 years
Cost: FREE, all supplies will be provided
Register by:

Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674
 Emailing Jennifer Young at youngj62@msu.edu
 Emailing Jamie Styburski at styburs1@msu.edu
 Emailing Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu

Workshop is limited to the first 25 youth who register. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested at registration.



4-H Tubing at Five Pines

Berrien County 4-H is going tubing for its Annual Holiday Bash celebration! Come and join a fun night of tubing at Five Pines! Light refreshments will be provided.

FREE for all Berrien County 4-H families!

Saturday, December 15, 2018

If no snow, date will be re-scheduled to January 19, 2019.

Time: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Location:

Five Pines
6597 Smith Road
Berrien Center, MI 49102



Please RSVP by December 10, 2018

Call 269-927-5674 or email: Jennifer Young at youngj62@msu.edu or Jamie Styburski at styburs1@msu.edu

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Michigan 4-H Day



at the

Breslin Center



February 24, 2019

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

When: February 24, 2019. **Southwest Harrison Gate** will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at **12:30 p.m.** Game time is scheduled for **2:00 p.m.**

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are **FREE** for the guests listed above.

Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: **FREE** for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

Contact your county MSU Extension office or email **Jane Love** at lovejan@anr.msu.edu

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Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Nov. 27, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with the Michigan 4-H Foundation and Michigan State University for their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. As a global day of giving, Giving Tuesday is annually held on the Tuesday after the retail-focused days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. During Giving Tuesday, Michigan 4-H will be raising funds to support 4-H participation fee scholarships for those in need.



From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to give to the campaign and spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth. Follow along online and use #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds and compete in fun challenges through the day!

Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/projects/michigan-4-h-foundation>.

Outstanding Michigan 4-H alumni and volunteers recognized at 4-H Emerald Awards ceremony

Nineteen Michigan 4-H alumni and volunteers were recognized Oct. 5 during the Michigan 4-H Foundation's 4-H Emerald Award Ceremony in East Lansing. The awards presented at the event are among some of Michigan 4-H's highest honors for 4-H alumni and volunteers.

The Salute to Excellence awards, which honor remarkable 4-H volunteers who have contributed substantially to both their county and state 4-H programs, were presented to Brenda Alverson of Genesee County, Gordon Ridenour of Cass County and Cheryl Barton of Shiawassee County.

The Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture awards, which recognize 4-H volunteers who exhibit excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership in agriculture-related areas, were presented to Mary Hutka of Oakland County, Diane Keinath of Saginaw County, and Kathy Grau and Mary Hammer of Washtenaw County.

The Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors former alumni whose professional leadership and community service reflect the ultimate outcome of 4-H membership. Inducted into the society were Darwin Booher, Evart; Domonique Clemons, Flint; Ronald Hendrick, East Lansing; Barbara Haynes Heyboer, Hudsonville; W. G. (Mac) McPherson, Lowell; Thomas Nugent, Clarksville; Maggie Sans, Clarkston; and Gretna Van Fleet, Frankenmuth.

The Citation awards, which recognize significant contributions to Michigan 4-H programs, were awarded to GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Dale and Sara Stuby, of St. Joseph County.

Learn more about the award winners at www.canr.msu.edu/news/outstanding-michigan-4-h-alumni-volunteers-and-partners-recognized-at-4-h-emerald-awards-ceremony

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat Lessons



Two new "Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat" lesson plans are now available. The new lessons are titled "Can kids hear things adults can't?" and "Do you run faster with or without shoes?"

The Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series focuses not on teaching specific content, but teaching the process of science by asking questions and discovering answers.

Download the lesson plans at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series>.

New 4-H Money Management Snapshot



Curious what the 4-H money management project area is all about? This new snapshot sheet covers what 4-H'ers can learn about money management, ways to get involved and resources for learning more.

The 4-H money management project provides opportunities to learn about and practice ways to use money, set financial goals and explore career connections. Each of these facets is further broken down in the new snapshot sheet.

This resource is one in a series of Michigan 4-H snapshot sheets on a variety of topics that can be found in the Michigan 4-H Project Snapshot Sheet series at https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4-h_project_snapshot_sheets.

NOVEMBER 2018

November 1: Annual Financial Summary Report Forms Due

November 13: Horse Leaders Association Meeting
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

November 17: Thanks 4 Giving Assembly Day
Berrien County Farm Bureau Office—Berrien Springs, MI

November 26: Leaders Council Meeting
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

November 27: Giving Tuesday

Online

Giving Tuesday is a day to give back! Support Michigan 4-H and help provide 4-H participation fee scholarships for those in need.

<https://givingday.msu.edu/>

DECEMBER 2018

December 1: Personalization Workshop
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

December 15: Tubing at Five Pines
Five Pines—Berrien Center, MI

December 24—25: MSUE Office Closed
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

December 31 - January 1: MSUE Office Closed
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

JANUARY 2019

January 1: Re-enrollment Deadline

January 8: Horse Leaders Association Meeting
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

January 21: MSUE Office Closed
Berrien County MSU Extension Office — Benton Harbor, MI

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

January 28: Leaders Council Re-Organizational Meeting
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Berrien
County 4-H
Leaders
Association
Meeting has been
set!!

Date:

*Monday, April 29,
2019*

Time:

*7:00 p.m.—9:00
p.m.*

Location:

*Berrien County
Youth Memorial
Building— Berrien
Springs, MI*

Each club is asked
to send at least
one representative
to the meeting.

All Teen Leaders
and Berrien County
4-H Leaders are
welcome to
attend!!

February

February 1: State Award Applications Due

February 1—2: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

February 2: MQHA Tack Sale/MSU 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

February 5: Horse Leaders Association Meeting
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

February 15—16: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

February 16—17: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

February 18: MSUE Office C
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

February 23: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
MSU—East Lansing, MI

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin
MSU—East Lansing, MI

February 25: Leaders Council Meeting
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

March

March 5: Horse Leaders Association Meeting
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

March 8—10: MI Horse Expo
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

March 9: MI 4-H Dog Workshop
MSU, Anthony Hall—East Lansing, MI

March 15—17: 4-H Dairy Conference
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

March 23: MI 4-H Horse Communications & Hippology Contest
MSU, Anthony Hall—East Lansing, MI

March 24: 4-H FFA Horse Judging Contest
MSU—East Lansing, MI

March 25: Leaders Council Meeting
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Enrollment Deadlines

January 1—Re-Enrollment Deadline

June 1—New Member Enrollment
Deadline

